THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Monday, 15th March 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at ten of the clock, MR. SPEAKER (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I,—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" There are thirty-one questions for to-day. With the co-operation of one and all, I hope to finish them in time."

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Re-employment of retired Gazetted Officers in the Registration department.

[a]*138 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Gazetted Officers and their designation who have been re-employed after retirement in the Registration department ; and

(*b*) the period of their re-employment and the reasons for such re-employment?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" (*a*) Only one officer, viz., the Inspector-General of Registration.

" (*b*) The Government considered that at the time when the State was partitioned, Sri M. Kendall who was the Inspector-General of Registration of the Madras State from 1st October 1953 would be the best-fitted to hold the post. He was accordingly re-employed as Inspector-General of Registration for six months from 19th October 1953."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether there are able and senior officers in the department suitable for promotion as Inspector-General of Registration? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" Sir, Mr. Kendall was the seniormost and so he was appointed as Inspector-General."

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" Sir, may I know whether it is a fact that in one of his broadcast talks, the Hon. the Minister said that the work in the department required specially trained men and, if so, whether the Government will consider the claims of those specially trained men in the department for appointment to this post of Inspector-General of Registration in future? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" This has nothing to do with the main question, Sir."

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[a] Starred question postponed from the list of questions for 13th March 1954.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know Sir, for how long this officer will be retained and whether, after the expiry of that period, his claims would be considered once again on the same basis as before or whether Government would consider the claims of junior officers who have got the requisite qualifications for the post? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" When the time for his retirement comes and when his term is over. . . ."

AN HON. MEMBER :—" Has he not retired? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" He is now in service and when his term is over, Government will take into consideration all aspects of the question."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In reviewing the situation at the time when this gentleman's term expired, and he was given an extension or re-employment, the Hon. Minister said that he was the best-fitted person and, therefore, he was given re-employment for six months. Do Government accept the implication or insinuation that others were least fitted or unfitted? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" After the partition of the State, we had many difficult problems to deal with. So, we thought that experienced persons like Mr. Kendall will be the best suited and so he was given a term of six months."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Was his service extended or was he re-employed after retirement? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" He was re-employed, Sir."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, is there any likelihood of this gentleman being re-employed for a further period? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" Sir, we cannot say that now. However, we will take all points into consideration when deciding the best-fitted man for the post."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, I think the six-month period is over by this date? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" His term is not yet over, Sir."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" **Mr. Kendall** *தன்னை அந்த உத்தியோகத்தில் நீடிக்க வேண்டுமென்று தானே கேட்டுக்கொண்டாரா ? அல்லது அவரை அந்த உத்தியோகத்தில் நீடித்திருக்கவேண்டுமென்று சர்க்காரே கேட்டுக்கொண்டார்களா ?* "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" Sir, this is a very difficult question to answer. When a person has got to be appointed, we take into consideration all points and come to a fair decision."

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Sri S. JAYARAMA REDDIAR :—" சாதாரணமாக Electricity Engineering டிபார்ட்மெண்டுகளில் ரொம்ப Technical Experts வேண்டுமென்று ஒரு நியதி இருந்துவந்திருக்கிறது. அது அவசியம்தானா என்று ஒரு சர்ச்சையிருக்கக்கூடிய காலத்திலும் Registration department-ல் இந்த மாதிரியான விசேஷ அம்சம் எதுவும்வேண்டியதில்லை என்றும் சாதாரண மனிதர்களால்கூட நிர்வகிக்கக்கப்படக்கூடிய Department அது என்றும் கருதப்படக்கூடிய நேரத்திலும், இந்த மாதிரி எக்ஸ்டென்ஷன் கொடுக்க என்ன அவசியம் ஏற்பட்டது என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் விளக்கிச் சொன்னால் பொது ஜனங்களுக்கு நன்றாகப் புரியும். யூகமாகச் சொல்வதில் அர்த்தமில்லை. ஆகையால் கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களை இதை விளக்கிச் சொல்லுமாறு கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

The Hon. Sri K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" Sir, at the time of partition, we had to consider the claims of the best men available and Mr. Kendall was the best person available for the post at the time and that was why he was appointed."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, in view of the trend of the questions and answers here, will Government give an assurance that it is not their policy to re-employ retired persons? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" In that department alone or in all departments? If the latter, it should be answered by the Chief Minister."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Yes, that department alone, Sir, if at all it is not possible to give an assurance with reference to all departments? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the general policy of the Government is not to re-employ retired personnel. But when difficulties arise, we have to take a decision. Only in very exceptional cases, re-employment is made."

Sri V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" Are the Government aware that he is the most reputed officer and, therefore, will the Government consider the desirability of continuing him in service for long? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Anyhow, hon. Members on the Opposite Benches will be satisfied with the certificate given by the hon. Member Sri Ramaswamy Mudaliar."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, was this matter referred to the Public Service Commission and did the Commission say that they were not having any suitable hands for this particular post? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, for re-employment there is no necessity to refer to the Public Service Commission."